GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DISINVESTMENT
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DISINVESTMENT IN FERTILISER UNITS
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Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to disinvest in Public Sector Fertilizer Units;

(b) whether the Government have received any memoranda requesting not to initiate disinvestment in these Fertiliser units considering its importance as a strategic industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) In accordance with the declared policy on disinvestment, Government have decided to disinvest 51% of its holding out of 97.65% in National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL); 32.74% of its holding out of 58.74% in Madras Fertilizers Ltd. (MFL); and 74% of its holding out o 100% in Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) in favour of strategic buyers along with the transfer of management control. In the cases of NFL & MFL, Advisors have been appointed to assist the Government.

(b)&(c)The Government have received memoranda/representations from the Trade Unions etc. of NFL/FACT/PPL/MFL regarding disinvestment etc. The policy of disinvestment has been formulated after careful consideration of all issues and disinvestment in these cases have been finalised after considering the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission.